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## ARCADIA HOLDS SECOND PRIMARY

FOR THE SELECTION OF THOSE CITY OFFICIALS WHO FAILED TO SECURE A MAJORITY OF ALL THE VOTES CAST AT THE FIRST PRIMARY HELD TWO WEEKS AGO. TOM LAWTON WINS OVER J. S. FLOYD IN THE RACE FOR TAX COLLECTOR, WHILE THE PRESENT CITY MARSHAL, P. W. HARWARD, WON OVER HIS OPPONENT, WES ROAN, BY A VOTE OF 242 TO 190.

The second primary for the selection of those city officers who did not receive a majority of all the votes cast at the first primary held two weeks ago, was held yesterday, and a fairly good vote was polled. The total vote yesterday was 436, which fell short of the total vote cast two weeks ago by thirty votes.

The offices to be filled by yesterday's primary were those of city tax collector and city marshal. The candidates for tax collector were J. S. Floyd and Tom Lawton. In this race 436 votes were cast, of which Lawton received 224 and Floyd 212. The candidates for marshal were Wes Roan and P. W. Harward. There were cast in this race 432 votes, of which Harward received 242 and Roan 190.

### GERMANY

Trying to Force Belgian Bankers to Loan the Kaiser \$200,000,000.

Washington, Sept. 19.—A protest alleging that German military authorities are attempting to force a loan of \$200,000,000 from the Belgian banks, and that the Carlier, director of the National Bank of Belgium, has been imprisoned because of his refusal to consent to the proposal, was filed at the state department yesterday by the Belgian legation.

In a statement the legation declared its advice "confirm the information concerning the seizure by the Germans of private capital in Belgium banks and show at the same time the utter contempt in which the German government holds the international laws and the individuality of private property."

Recent press reports from Havre contained references to such a loan and to the imprisonment of M. Carlier. The Overseas News Agency, a semi-official Berlin concern, however, denied a statement that there had been any seizure, and declared that the bank had agreed to the loan. The arrest of M. Carlier, the agency declared, was "not connected with this transaction," and it was denied that the funds were used for the new German war loan.

State department officials have not indicated that they considered the controversy one in which the United States should intervene.

## CHILDREN DESPOIL THE PARK.

It has been reported to the trustees of the city park that children are often seen on the park grounds, and that many acts of depredations are committed by them, such as breaking the foliage of plants, etc. The officers of the park request us to ask the parents to see that their children are not permitted to enter these grounds, as at present it is not intended that they should be open to the public.

### LAMP EXPLODED.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The fire alarm was turned in last night about 8 o'clock and as usual the truck was on the scene in less time than it takes to tell. On arrival at Mr. and Mrs. Parker Cahow's it was found that a lamp had exploded. Mr. J. O. Bickley, hearing the commotion, rushed to the scene and quickly extinguished the fire. When the local fire company arrived there was nothing to be done. There was practically no damage.

## THE FOUR BANK ROBBERS

WHO ROBBED THE HOME-STEAD BANK OF \$6,500 IN CASH SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND WHO AFTERWARD SHOT AND KILLED WILL AND ALLEN HENDERSON. MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S POSSE IN PURSUIT, SEEM TO HAVE MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE.

Miami, Sept. 20.—The four bank robbers who robbed the bank at Homestead of \$6,500 in cash Saturday afternoon and shot and killed Will and Allen Henderson in a gun fight with a sheriff's posse early Sunday morning at Everglades station, on the Florida East Coast Railway, have made good their escape as originally planned by them, by breaking through the cordon of guards and gaining possession of the small boat the desperadoes had left about two miles south of Everglades station. This little boat, which the four desperadoes had loaded with provisions and prepared for getting away from this section in, was discovered by a posse in charge of U. R. Ferguson, a deputy sheriff. The posse carefully removed the batteries in the boat and then went away, leaving it unguarded, the statement being made that enough men were not on hand to leave a guard with the skiff. The members of the posse apparently failed to think that the bandits could operate the boat without batteries, or that they could row or pole their way to safety, but a dispatch received by R. O. Watson from Sheriff Dan Hardie stated that the desperadoes had made good their escape by getting hold of the boat and disappearing down the bay. A boat from Miami was being fitted up to go southward in pursuit, but with a four hour start little hope was given that the local boat will be able to do any good. There is no doubt in the minds of officials but what the four men have been trying all the time to get around to the Cape Sable country, and this theory has been followed in all of the searching to date.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Were you present at the opera house last Sunday morning to hear the sermon delivered by Chester Sprague, the pastor of the Christian church? If not, you certainly missed something good. The audience at the morning service was larger than usual, although several of the members were unable to attend on account of sickness.

The subject for Mr. Sprague's morning sermon next Sunday will be "The Tongue," and for the evening sermon, "Heaven." Everybody is urged to attend these services. A cordial welcome awaits all.

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Communion service and sermon immediately after the Bible school. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Come and enjoy yourself. d&w

### GERMANY WARNS U. S.

That Any Loan to Belgium During Teuton Occupancy Is Worthless.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Ambassador von Bernstorff has informed the state department that his government would consider "null and void," any loan to Belgium negotiated in the United States during German occupancy of that country. State department officials had no previous knowledge that the Belgian government was seeking a loan in this country. They recognized Germany's position, however, for the protection of any American bankers who might become interested in the loan.

Miss Nadine Page, a well known young lady of this city, left yesterday afternoon for Tallahassee, where she will enter the Florida State College for Women. This is Miss Page's second year in the Woman's College. Her many friends are sorry to know of her departure.

## "A WORD WITHOUT A PARRALLEL"

IS WHAT WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN CALLS THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION. HE SAYS THE OLD WORLD HAD SEVEN WONDERS, BUT THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ITS POLITICAL WORLD HAS "ELEVEN WONDERS."

### HE ASKS THE PERTINENT QUESTION

IN CONCLUSION, "WHEN BEFORE DID ANY PARTY, IN SO SHORT A TIME, PRESENT AND COMPLETE SO REMARKABLE A PROGRAM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF A NATION'S WELFARE? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT A PARTY WHICH HAS THIS JUSTIFIED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE CAN BE REBUKED BY THE PEOPLE TO WHOMSE INTERESTS IT HAS DEDICATED ITSELF?"

The Honorable William Jennings Bryan is the one man of America of whom it can be said, "He is faithful and loyal in all things regardless of the attitude of others towards him." Most men abused by the members of his own party, as he has been, would have sulked in their tents and in many instances have renounced their party allegiance, but not so with him. He is more of a democrat than ever, and doubtless with the experience of those few years added to his already wide range of knowledge, he will come out of the crucible purer and brighter than ever. When he left the cabinet, for the first time in the history of the life of this man was our faith in him the least shaken. But Bryan is a man, and his manhood will show itself in spite of adverse circumstances. Mr. Bryan now speaks of the Wilson administration as "the eleven wonders of the political world. Every one who knows the man is aware of the fact that he would not thus speak unless he so believes. Read the following words of Mr. Bryan under the caption, "A Record Without a Parallel":

"The old world had seven wonders; in the United States the political world has eleven wonders. The record made by the present administration in the matter of domestic reform is without parallel in the history of our government. A democratic president, supported by a democratic senate and a democratic house, has given the country eleven splendid remedial measures."

First. The tariff law now upon the statute books is the best enacted within a half century. It is written upon the theory that a tariff law should be so framed as to raise revenue and not upon the theory of giving protection for protection's sake. It has lessened the power of the tariff baron to exact tribute from the public.

Second. The income tax provision, while a part of the general revenue law, deserves to be considered upon its own merits. It was made possible by the adoption of the income tax amendment to the federal constitution, secured after a fight of more than fifteen years, made under democratic leadership. The income tax in the law of 1913 transferred nearly one hundred millions from consumption to incomes, thus relieving the masses from the injustice that republican tariff laws had put upon them, an injustice which would still continue if the republicans had remained in power.

Third. The currency law is the greatest piece of constructive legislation the generation has seen. It brings to the commercial world a relief sorely needed. It breaks Wall street's despotic hold upon the business of the nation and the political tyranny exercised by the masters of high finance.

Fourth. The rural credits law is a fitting companion of the currency law. It gives to the agricultural world the same sort of relief that the currency law brings to the commercial world. It gives conclusive proof of the breadth and comprehensiveness of democratic plans—justice to all, in every walk of life.

Fifth. The anti-trust law, written upon the theory that a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable, is the first step towards the release of the country from the great combinations of capital that had assumed to control productions and fix prices. It not only gives a measure of relief from trust extortion but it includes a provision which

protects the working men from "government by injunction."

Sixth. The act creating a trade commission, exercising over big industrial corporations powers similar to those exercised over railroads by the interstate commerce commission, puts the federal government in a position, first, to secure information, and second, to use that information for the protection of legitimate business against the encroachments of corporations attempting a monopoly.

Seventh. The shipping bill is another step in advance, and a long step. Its purpose is to protect international trade along existing trade routes and to lay out new lines of travel for the extension of American commerce. It took a two years' fight to overcome the influence of the shipping trust, but the fight has at last been won, and the government is now in a position to use a merchant marine of its own to safeguard the interests of the American shipper.

Eighth. The child labor law has come in response to the growing demand for social betterment. The fact that such a law was necessary is a sad commentary upon the heartlessness of man—that he should become so money mad as to be willing to increase his profits by the starving of the bodies and the dwarfing of the minds of minors. The democratic party deserves great credit for adding this law to its extraordinary record of great accomplishments.

Ninth. The president's prompt action has given to the employees engaged in interstate commerce an eight hour day. Again the president has taken the side of the common man and won. The railroads overstate the cost of complying with the eight hour law. They delay freight trains at divisions in order to get bigger roads and longer trains. This is an expense to the shippers as well as an injustice to the train men. They can, when it becomes necessary, get the trains in on time, and thus give the employees time for rest and recuperation—time to enjoy home and prepare for the responsibilities of citizenship. The president has acted courageously, and the country will approve.

Tenth. The Philippine bill, while dealing with an international matter, is domestic in that it not only announces a national policy, but also promises to safeguard domestic politics from the disturbing influence of colonial questions. Eighteen years ago, when imperialism first raised its head, the democrats in the senate were quick to strike at it with the Bacon resolution, which declared against a colonial policy, and gave the Filipinos a promise of ultimate independence. Every platform written by the democratic party of the nation since that time has repeated this pledge and now, to the honor of the nation and to the credit of the democratic party, the platform pledge has been fulfilled and the promise of ultimate independence given. Our nation has thus shown itself able to resist the temptation before which monarchies have fallen, namely, the temptation to exercise power in violation of the principles of self government.

Eleventh. The list of this administration's accomplishments can not be fairly concluded without reference to the thirty peace treaties, negotiated during the first two years of the administration, with nations exercising authority over 1,300,000,000 of people.

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## SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.

IN SESSION THIS WEEK AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE. THE REPORTS SHOW A MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES NUMBERING 2,188,458, WHILE THE AMOUNT PAID OUT FOR THE RELIEF OF ITS MEMBERS GO UP INTO THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows is in session this week in Chattanooga, Tenn. This order is rapidly becoming one of the most active fraternities in America. The reports show the membership of the order to be 2,188,458, while the total amount paid out for relief funds is many millions of dollars.

### SMITH-GILBERT

#### WEDDING.

Dade City, Sept. 20.—The home of Rev. M. L. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert, of Dade City, was the scene of a beautiful wedding on the evening of September 12, when their daughter, Grace, became the wife of Mr. C. H. Smith, of Arcadia.

Prompt at the appointed time the guests, who were limited to relatives and most intimate friends of the contracting parties, assembled and were ushered into the reception rooms, which were tastefully decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and festoons of smilax and asparagus fern. In one corner of the large reception room the altar was formed, and in front of it an arch of green under which the bridal couple stood while the ceremony was being performed.

Before the entrance of the bride party Miss Frances Liddon sang Her Rose, and the beautifully sweet and simple song by Carrie Jacobs Bond, I Love You Truly.

Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Sophie Mae Smith, sister of the groom, the bridal party entered, preceded by Rev. J. J. DeVane, of Plant City, who officiated.

The bride entered with her sister, Miss Annie Gilbert, as maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Misses Ruth Hamilton and Perry Allmond. Mr. W. P. Mitchell, of Arcadia, acted as best man.

The bride was charming in a dainty girlish gown of white tulle with veil of white chiffon, and carried a bouquet of white asters, brides roses and maiden-hair fern.

The maid of honor and Miss Allmond wore pretty frocks of pink silk and chiffon, while Miss Hamilton was becomingly gowned in blue crepe de chine.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held, during which refreshments were served. The school girl friends assisted in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith later left for Jacksonville and other points where they will spend some time before going to Chipley, where they will make their home, as Mr. Smith is instructor in mathematics and science in the Chipley high school. Mrs. Smith traveled in a suit of blue tulle with accessories to match.

Mr. Smith was on the faculty of the Pasco county high school during the past year, and made many friends.

Mrs. Smith, as Miss Grace Gilbert, is one of the most popular girls of the younger set, and is admired by all who know her.

The out of town guests were Miss Sophie Mae Smith, of Arcadia, Mr. W. B. Mitchell, of Arcadia, Rev. E. J. DeVane and Aaron DeVane, of Plant City, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bachelor, of Pasadena, and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton, sister of the bride, from Montbrook, and C. O. Gilbert, of Tampa.

Miss Lillian Carlton, a popular young lady of Fort Myers, passed through Arcadia this morning en route to DeLand, where she will enter Stetson University. Miss Carlton is well known in Arcadia, and her many friends here will be glad to know she will attend that famous college.

## NO FRAUD IN HAMILTON

COUNTY, SAYS THE SUPREME COURT. ON MOTION OF MR. KNOTT'S ATTORNEY THE CONTEST IN MADISON COUNTY WAS STRICKEN OUT. MR. KNOTT SAID, "I DO NOT DESIRE THE BENEFIT OF ANY BALLOTS OR VOTES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH OR MAY BE TAINTED WITH FRAUD."

Tallahassee, Sept. 20.—At 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon the supreme court announced that no fraud had been found in Hamilton county, and the ballot had not been entered.

With Hamilton county disposed of, and Knott's friends jubilating over what had occurred, his attorneys, after considerable time spent in deliberating, offered a motion to strike out the Madison county contest, which was agreed to by the court. Counsel for Knott then asked the court to issue a peremptory writ, which the court assented to over the objection of Attorney Flournoy of counsel for the state canvassing board, and Mr. Catts. As court adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock Attorney Flournoy said:

"The war has just begun." He would not elucidate this statement, except to state that he would make a further statement in the court room this morning.

The elimination of Madison county from the recount asked by Comptroller W. V. Knott in his contest to prove that he, and not Rev. Sidney J. Catts, was the democratic nominee for governor in the primary of June 6, was brought about in a dramatic manner. Counsel for Mr. Knott read to the court a statement from their client in which the comptroller stated: "I do not desire the benefit of any ballots or votes that may have been tampered with or may be tainted by fraud."

"Since there has been evidence submitted by many substantial citizens of Madison county which may cast integrity upon the ballots as recounted from some of the precincts in Madison county, I desire that you (his counsel) at the proper time ask leave of the court to amend my petition and the alternative writ issued against the state canvassing board so as to eliminate any benefit of the recount which was had in that county."

The amended returns from Madison county eliminated from the canvass before the state canvassing board, according to the figures Mr. Knott will have a lead over Mr. Catts of twenty-four votes. Mr. Knott's gain in all of the counties named is 457. His gain on recount in Madison county was 173. Deducting the Madison county gain leaves a gain of 284 votes. Deducting Mr. Catts' lead of 260 as shown by the returns on June 26, leaves Mr. Knott in the lead twenty-four votes.

### SUNDAY AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dr. J. A. Holt preached Sunday at the Baptist Church, morning and evening, two Gospel sermons of great power. Dr. Holt will continue to supply the pulpit until the arrival of Dr. Alexander, the newly elected pastor, who is expected to reach Arcadia about the first of October.

At the morning service Mrs. Wallace rendered a beautiful solo which was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Wallace has but recently returned from one of the best northern schools of vocal instruction and her naturally splendid voice shows the effect of this additional training.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Lawton are the proud possessors of a fine baby girl which weighed eight pounds. Both mother and baby are doing well. As Mr. Lawton was yesterday elected city tax collector also, it seems that his lucky day was September 19th. The News extends its hearty congratulations to the little lady's parents.